

STATE BOARD FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**Minutes of Meeting****February 19, 2008**

Members of the State Board for Career and Technical Education met at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in the Fort Union Room, State Capitol, Bismarck. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Darrel Remington, Chair. The following members were present:

Mr. Jeff Lind, Vice Chair
Ms. Maren Daley, Member
Mr. Brian Duchscherer, Member
Mr. Robert Geske, Member
Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Member
Ms. Rita Wilhelmi, Member

Wayne Kutzer, Dwight Crabtree, Brenda Schuler, Curt Dahme, Karen Botine, Claire Fitzgerald, Dale Hoerauf, Wilfred Volesky, Tom Conklin, Paul Johnson, Bill Demaree, Larry Skogen, and Bob Tollefson were also present.

CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY 22, 2008 MINUTES – Mr. Lind moved and Mr. Duchscherer seconded to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Mr. Kutzer reviewed the Appropriation Status Report and the Administrative Budget and Expenditures Report for month ended January, 2008.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Geske moved and Dr. Sanstead seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Mr. Kutzer reported that he met with the approved virtual area centers to clarify information and answer their questions. In order for the centers to better organize themselves and prepare for the coming year, the new area centers will be allowed to

use their approved budget to purchase equipment prior to July 1 and they will also be allowed to hire a CTE director three months prior to July 1. The funding for a CTE director, during the April through June time period, will come out of the CTE agency budget.

Mr. Kutzer reported that the State Plan Hearings have been completed by Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Dahme. Approximately 35 people attended the public hearings. Written comments on the State Plan are being accepted until February 22.

Mr. Kutzer reported on the Interim Workforce Committee meetings, stating that the meetings were well attended. The meetings focused on the need for more people with technical skills. Discussion during the meetings centered on career and technical education at the secondary and postsecondary levels, including providing more career awareness and career development for students. It appears that there will be a positive impact on career and technical education. The Interim Workforce Committee will be making their final recommendations on April 10.

Mr. Kutzer then reported on federal legislation, stating that even though CTE funding has been eliminated again for the 2009-10 school year, there is a lot of CTE support in Washington to include it back in the budget. For the 2008-09 school year there was a 1.7% across the board cut but because we are a minimally funded state, we should continue to receive the \$4.2 million plus \$313,000 in Tech Prep funds which reflects a \$25,000 reduction. It will cause a slight reduction to schools.

Following discussion, Ms. Daley reported that Job Service has also received cuts. WIA funds have been reduced by \$400,000, which equates to approximately 178 fewer people who will receive services.

VIRTUAL AREA CENTER – Mr. Kutzer reported that he met with Mr. Dale Hoerauf, Bismarck Public Schools CTE Director and Dr. Paul Johnson, Bismarck Public Schools

Superintendent, to discuss the governance and reduced budget of \$400,000. Mr. Hoerauf then met with members of the MREC regarding the governance of the MRRCTC and their approved budget of \$400,000.

Mr. Hoerauf distributed information that was discussed during the MREC meeting, reporting that all participating schools are excited about the virtual center.

Dr. Johnson distributed and reviewed information on how the governance structure would work, reporting that it is modeled after the Lake Area and James Valley Area Centers. The Bismarck School Board is only interested in overseeing the fiscal responsibility and operation of the Bismarck center and is not interested in controlling any center activities or programming for other school districts.

Dr. Johnson explained that there will be an MRRCTC Advisory Council that will be composed of one member from each of the five regional Advisory Councils plus one member from the Bismarck Public Schools' Board. The Advisory Council's role will be to work closely with the CTC Administration and Bismarck Public School's Board of Education in planning and implementation of the area centers services so that equal opportunities are provided to all member schools' students in a fiscally sound and equitable manner. MRRCTC is a component of Bismarck Public Schools' Career and Technology Center which is governed by the Bismarck Public School Board.

Mr. Bob Tollefson, Washburn and Wilton Superintendent, spoke in support of the governance structure stating that this joint venture will provide better opportunities for students and will benefit everyone involved.

Dr. Larry Skogen, Bismarck State College President, spoke in support of the MRRCTC and reported on the cooperative relationship that already exists between Bismarck Public Schools and Bismarck State College.

Discussion was held on the State Board's concern over the governance model and some of the issues that occur at Lake Area and James Valley regarding who has control. The Board agreed that it appears that everyone involved with the MRRCTC is comfortable with the governance structure and confident that it will benefit all students in the MRRCTC.

Following more discussion, Dr. Sanstead moved and Mr. Lind seconded to approve the governance structure as proposed. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Geske - aye
 Mr. Duchscherer - aye
 Mr. Lind - aye
 Ms. Wilhelmi - aye
 Dr. Sanstead - aye
 Ms. Daley - aye
 Mr. Remington - aye

The motion passed unanimously.

COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT REQUESTS – Mr. Kutzer reviewed the ITV cooperative arrangement request between Glen Ullin and Linton and recommended approval.

Discussion was held on the variety of programs being offered through cooperative arrangements. Mr. Remington then requested information relating to what is taught in Accounting III and IV. Mr. Kutzer will request this information from Ms. Scholl, Business & Office Technology Supervisor and provide the information to the board.

Following more discussion, Mr. Lind moved and Dr. Sanstead seconded to approve the ITV request. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Duchscherer - aye
 Mr. Lind - aye
 Ms. Wilhelmi – aye
 Dr. Sanstead – aye
 Ms. Daley – aye
 Mr. Remington – aye
 Mr. Geske - aye

The motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM ORIENTATION – CAREER DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Claire Fitzgerald,

Career Development Supervisor distributed handouts on the history, philosophy, and standards of career development. Ms. Fitzgerald also reviewed the services provided by career development counselors, reporting on the number of career development counselors and the number of students served.

Discussion was held on the various approaches of career development, career exploration, and career promotion and how does career development, career development counselors and the Department of Commerce fit into the various career areas. It was agreed that a cohesive message needs to be given to legislators so they aren't confused.

Following discussion, Ms. Daley stated that a shortened version of Ms. Fitzgerald's presentation should be given to the Department of Commerce. Mr. Kutzer responded that the agency has been talking with the Department of Commerce on these issues and that the agency will continue to work with the Department of Commerce.

Discussion was then held on the differences between career development counselors and school counselors since so many school counselors are providing the same services as career development counselors. Funding of counselors was also discussed.

Due to time constraints, the board agreed to have this topic discussed at a future meeting.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES –

Board members were invited to attend the various CTSO conferences that will be held over the next few months.

FUTURE MEETINGS – The March board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17,

2008, at the State Capitol, Bismarck.

The April board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2008, at the State Capitol, Bismarck.

The May board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008, at the State Capitol, Bismarck.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Darrel Remington
Chairperson